



DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Annual Registration Statement Identifying Separated Participants with Deferred Vested Benefits

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning the annual registration statement identifying separated participants with deferred vested benefits.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]** to be assured of consideration

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Andres Garcia, Internal Revenue Service, room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or by email to omb.unit@irs.gov. Include OMB control number 1545-2187 or Annual Registration Statement Identifying Separated Participants with Deferred Vested Benefits, in the subject line of the message.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form should be directed to Kerry Dennis at (202) 317-5751, or at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington DC 20224, or through the internet, at Kerry.L.Dennis@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Annual Registration Statement Identifying Separated Participants with Deferred Vested Benefits.

OMB Number: 1545-2187

Form Number: 8955-SSA.

Abstract: Form 8955-SSA, the designated successor to Schedule SSA (Form 5500), is used to satisfy the reporting requirements of Internal Revenue Code section 6057(a). Plan administrators of employee benefit plans subject to the vesting standards of ERISA section 203 use the form to report

information about separated participants with deferred vested benefits under the plan. The information is generally given to the Social Security Administration (SSA), which provides the reported information to separated participants when they file for social security benefits.

Current Actions: There is no change to the paperwork burden previously approved by OMB.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200,000

Estimated Time Per Respondent: 50 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 166,000 hours.

The following paragraph applies to all the collections of information covered by this notice.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained if their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

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